

ADDENDUM TO THE FACT SHEET
FOR STATE WASTE DISCHARGE
PERMIT NO. ST 6129

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

Facility: Shell Solar Industries LP
12016 NW 965th Street Suite 720
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II. APPLICATION REVIEW

An application for permit reissuance was submitted to the Department of Ecology (Department) on June 3, 2002, and accepted by the Department on June 11, 2002. The scope and manner of any review of an application for replacement of permit by the Department shall be sufficiently detailed as to insure the following:

- That the permittee is in substantial compliance with all of the terms, conditions, requirements and schedules of compliance of the expired permit;
- That the Department has up-to date information on the permittee's production levels; permittee's waste treatment practices; nature, content, and frequencies of permittee's discharge; either pursuant to the submission of new forms and applications or pursuant to monitoring records and reports resubmitted to the Department by the permittee; and
- That the discharge is consistent with applicable effluent standards and limitations, water quality standards, and other legally applicable requirements listed in WAC 173-216 and WAC 173-200.

The application for Shell Solar Industries LP was reviewed and indicates that no changes in the treatment characteristics of the effluent process or volume of wastewater has occurred.

III. PERMIT REAUTHORIZATION

This fact sheet addendum accompanies the draft permit, which is to be reauthorized to Shell Solar Industries LP for the discharge of wastewater to Salmon Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant. The previous fact sheet is also part of this administrative record and explains the basis for the discharge limitations and conditions of the reauthorized permit.

The existing permit requirements, including discharge limitations and monitoring, do not need to be changed to protect the receiving water quality. The previous fact sheet and statement of basis addressed conditions and issues at the facility at the time when the previous permit was issued and then modified, and statements made reflected the status in 2001 and 2003 respectively. Since the modification of the current permit, the Department has not received any information which indicates that environmental impacts from the discharge that were not evaluated at the time of the last permit modification are persuasive enough to undertake a complete renewal of the permit. The reauthorized permit is virtually identical to the previous permit modified on March 13, 2003.

The discharge limits and conditions in effect at the time of expiration of the previous permit are carried over unchanged to this reauthorized permit. Assessment of compliance and inspections of the facility during the previous permit term indicate that the facility should not be placed on a high priority for permit renewal. The Department assigns a high priority for permit renewals in situations where water quality would materially benefit from a more stringent permit during the next five-year cycle.

The permit reauthorization process, in concert with the routine renewal of high priority permits, allows the Department to reissue permits in a timely manner and minimize the number of active permits that have passed expiration dates. A system of ranking the relative significance of the environmental benefit to be gained by renewing a permit rather than reauthorizing a permit is followed during the Department's annual permit planning process. Each permit that is due for reissuance is assessed and compared with other permits that are also due for reissuance. The public is notified and input is sought after the initial draft ranking has tentatively established which permits are likely to be completely renewed and which are likely to be reauthorized. All relevant comments and suggestions are considered before a final decision is made regarding the type of reissuance for each permit.

The only changes to the previous permit are the submittal date requirements and removal of the last sentence in footnote b on page 4 for clarity. Submittal requirements from the previous permit that were completed and submitted and do not require additional or continued assessment were removed from this permit. The submittal dates for the other standard compliance and submittal requirements that have been carried over from the past permit into this reauthorized permit have been adjusted to the proposed permit schedule. The Department considered these submittals necessary in the previous permit and no information has come forward to cause a reconsideration of the submittal requirement. In addition, Ecology acknowledges the following changes necessary to update the information contained in the 2001 Fact Sheet: the Company Name, the Applicant, and the Facility Name is now Shell Solar Industries LP; the Facility Contact and phone number is Greg Mihalik, Plant Manager, 360-955-7275; and the Responsible Official is Mike Miskus, Facility Manager, at 805-388-6252 and fax 805-388-6557.

IV. RECOMMENDATION FOR PERMIT ISSUANCE

The Department proposes that this permit be issued for five years.

APPENDIX A – PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT INFORMATION

The Department has determined to reauthorize a discharge permit to the applicant listed on page 1 of this fact sheet addendum. The permit contains conditions and effluent limitations that are described in the fact sheet and statement of basis.

Public notice of application was published on July 14, 2002, and July 21, 2002, in *The Columbian* to inform the public that an application had been submitted and to invite comment on the reauthorization of this permit.

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